

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

February 24, 2021

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2021-43-G

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2021-43-G - Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Authorization to Flow-Through Alternative Fuel Tax Credits to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Retail Sales Customers - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated's Application for Authorization to Flow-Through Alternative Fuel Tax Credits to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Retail Sales Customers.

COMMISSION ACTION:

On February 5, 2021, the Commission received the request by Piedmont Natural Gas Company ("Piedmont") for authorization to flow through alternative fuel tax credits to Compressed Natural Gas Retail Sales Customers. This is to encourage the use of Compressed Natural Gas and help alleviate the excise tax. Congress recently extended the tax credit for retail sales of Compressed Natural Gas used as an alternative motor vehicle fuel from December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Piedmont now proposes to flow through this tax credit to the retail customers who purchase Compressed Natural Gas at the Company's public Compressed Natural Gas refueling stations through a temporary rate decrease. This temporary rate decrement would be in the amount of \$.50 per gallon of gasoline equivalent.

Piedmont's proposed temporary rate decrease is consistent with the cost causation and allows Piedmont to allocate the credit to the customers purchasing Compressed Natural Gas from Piedmont. If the Commission authorizes such, Piedmont plans to begin the flow-through of these credits on March 1, 2021 and to continue these credits for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year as a reduction in rates applicable to service under the utility's Rate Schedule 242 and certain special contract fleet fueling agreements.

Piedmont advises that it is unable to retroactively apply this flow-through credit to retail customers making a purchase of Compressed Natural Gas prior to March 1, 2021 in calendar year 2021. There is limited transaction information available in these purchases.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed Piedmont's request and supports approval by the Commission. I so move approval by the Commission of Piedmont's request.

PRESIDING: J. WilliamsSESSION: RegularTIME: 11:00 a.m.

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BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
ERVIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Skype
POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
THOMAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
C. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Skype
J. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

